

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:15

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RURAL COURTS

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the policy of setting up of rural courts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time likely to be taken by the Government in establishing such courts?

Answer

MINISTER Of LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b): In the Conference of State Law Ministers, Law Secretaries and Registrar Generals of High Courts held on 15 February, 2008, the provisions of the Gram Nyayalayas Bill, 2007 which was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 15 May, 2007 were discussed at length. There was broad agreement in the Conference to the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas. Subsequently, in the light of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice and the above said Conference, the Government has approved the proposal for introduction of the Gram Nyayalayas Bill, 2008 and to withdraw the Gram Nyayalayas Bill, 2007.

(c) No specific time frame can be given. After the enactment of the proposed legislation, the Gram Nyayalayas would be established by the respective State Governments.